



Welcome to our special seasonal double edition of the Fourum. We have extra pages in this edition and a seasonal word search and crossword kindly created by one of our readers in the centre pages. There are a lot of things happening over the next two months so take your time reading through this edition and make sure you don't miss any of the events.

The Fourum team would like to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and health and happiness in the year ahead.

Oral History.

While digitising some oral history recordings that were made a few years ago I came across this little snippet which I thought readers might be interested in. Lets hope the coming winter doesn't get this bad.

Ted Taylor from Ford Village aged 89 recorded in 1999:

"We used to get bad winters, we used to get snowed-up. We used to start and cast the snow from here, towards Etal, and Etal used to come to meet us. See everything was rationed in those days, and we had to have docketts to get flour and bread and so on. There was one time we were snowed in for three days and we finally had to go to Coldstream to get some bread. We got two hundred loaves and they were dished out amongst...if you had three of a family you got two loaves but if you had a bigger family you got three loaves and they were shared out. This was 1947... Mr Barclay he was the man then you see, he lived at Etal, he sent word for us to cast to meet with them coming from Etal. Well we got as far as the Hay Farm road-end on the Friday night, then of course it came away another storm and we were blocked in again. So he said everybody who was short of bread you see and of course we hadn't any flour, that we had to meet - every man possible had to get a shovel and meet at the bridge at Ford - at the lodge. And Jimmy Balmbra who used to drive the big John Dere tractor, would meet us at the bridge and we would all go, we would cast our way to Coldstream. We had two or three stops on the way because we were blocked in like - Crookham was the first, and we finally got to the garage at Cornhill and we had to wait there. But first of all we called at Barelees and Mr.Henderson who was the steward he provided us all with clean sacks, new sacks, and I don't know, there was about twenty or thirty of us on the tractor. They baked this two hundred new loaves and they brought them to the Cornhill garage and we got so many each and we brought them back home on the trailer and took them into the reading room here and they were shared out. Aye, it was a hard day's work but you were used to it - we were happy and everybody fairly helped each other. You could go round and get plenty potatoes and old baigies y'know and you could have a meal!"

Extract from the Draft Minutes of Ford Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7pm in Lady Waterford Hall.

1. Questions from members of the public -none

2. Members present :- Cllr Baker, Chairman, Cllr. Gray, Cllr. Keating, Cllr. Watson, Cllr. Beattie, Cllr Mills, Cllr. Clark Steve Taylor, Clerk, 1 Member of the public

3. Apologies for absence – Cllr. Bell, County Cllr. Laurie, PC Dan Perry

5. Police Report

PC Dan Perry reported via email :- Since the last meeting on 17th September there has been one recorded crime pertinent to Ford PC. This is a burglary dwelling to a local address. The investigation into this crime is on-going. In light of this I would ask that if anyone has any information, or witnesses any suspicious activity that they report this to the police. There has been a spate of poaching related issues in the Ford and wider rural area and each incident is investigated on the evidence, and police take these calls seriously. Again, if there are any issues regarding poaching/ suspicious persons, then please report this to the police.

7. Matters arising from previous minutes.

b) Community car – Cllr Gray reported that he has made some enquiries into this matter. He has been told that funding would probably be obtainable to buy a vehicle but there would be no funding for ongoing costs. Councillors discussed this further:-

- Would there be a demand?

- Running costs would be high.

- The Parish Council could not take this on, it would need to be a separate community project led by volunteers.

- Could volunteers use their own cars? They would probably need extra insurance.

- Does a transport scheme already exist run by Bellview in Belford or Glendale Gateway Trust in Wooler? Cllr. Gray will make enquiries into this, It was agreed that this needs further research. All councillors will give this some thought.

c) Cllr. Mills will look into obtaining some “Defibrillator training”. He will also check that Ford Post Office are doing the necessary checks on the machine.

d) Cllr. Clark has produced some historical information about the parish to go on the website. Councillors were happy with this. The clerk will try to upload this to the website.

8. Traffic management plan Ford Bank.

All councillors agreed that this was a good plan. The chairman asked the clerk to let Neil Snowdon know that the PC was happy with the scheme and to ask if they could be given an indication of time scale for the project.

9. Letter from member of the public re footpaths.

A letter had been received describing concerns over some of the footpaths in Crookham Village. Although some of the issues have already been addressed there are still problems with paths being unpassable due to overgrown conditions. After some discussion about the problems it was agreed that the clerk would invite the footpaths officer for NCC to meet up with Cllr. Keating and Beattie in Crookham to look at the issues.

10. Data protection fees.

Councillors discussed this subject and it was agreed that there is very little clarity as to whether a small Parish Council like Ford needs to register with the Information Commissioner’s Office and pay a yearly fee. However, following a vote by councillors it was decided that the clerk should register and pay the fee of £35. This was deemed to be the safest option. The clerk will action this.

14. Highways.

a) Cllr. Baker has followed up the problems at the Hay Farm junction and the verge on the Berryhill straight. He has not had much response.

Post meeting note:- An email was received the following day –

“Hi Richard, Sorry for the delayed reply

- The potholes at the junction of Hay farm were made safe, I will try and get this area cut out and patched in the next financial year

- The Berry Hill straight as above has been made safe but a job has been raised for future patching.

- I will inspect the area in Etal village and arrange for any actionable potholes to be filled.”

16. Finance.

a) Payment was approved to Lady Waterford Hall for hall hire.

			Expenditure	Income	Balance
Bank Balance	04/09/19				3069.77
Income	11/09/19	Precept		875.00	3944.77
Expense	0 5/11/19	Crookham Hall hire	14.00		3930.77
Bank Balance	07/11/19				3930.77

18. Any other business –

Cllr. Watson informed councillors that Glendale Gateway Trust were operating a Log Bank for people on low incomes. It was suggested that this could be included in The Fourum. The clerk will try to do this

17. Date of next meeting – Bi-monthly meeting, please note the change of date - 14th January 2020 in Etal Village Hall at 7pm.

Ford Parish Council

Ford PC has a new website address :- <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/ford>

To contact the clerk, Steve Taylor email :- clerk.fordpc@btinternet.com or telephone 01890 820566

The next meeting of Ford Parish Council will be held on 14th January in Etal Village Hall at 7 p.m.

All are welcome to attend. Questions from members of the public are welcome but it would be useful if they could be sent to the clerk prior to the meeting.

Currently the Parish Council has one vacancy. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then don't hesitate to get in touch with the clerk for further information.

JOEY SHIEL 1932 – 2019.

Many thanks to you all for the friendship, love and support shown to Mum during almost 60 years living on Ford and Etal Estates.

A very independent lady who found it hard to make the move to Hillside Lodge for her last 6 months of life, but she enjoyed all of your news and gossip when you kindly came to visit.

Special thanks go to John Abercrombie who, through kindness and professionalism made the last chapter so much easier for us.

From the bottom of our hearts,

THANK YOU.

From all of Joey's family

The Hugh Joicey, Ford school team of staff, children and parents would like to express our sincere thanks to the family and friends of Mrs Joey Shiel for contributing the retiring collection of £307 to the school. We were surprised and touched by the gesture and by the inclusion of many happy Ford school memories in her Eulogy.

We will greatly miss Mrs Shiel's presence at our school events, especially our Maypole Parade. She was a dedicated supporter of the school and we know how much she loved birds and wildlife so we are designing and making a special bird-feeding station in her honour with the funds. It will be placed on the front lawn of the school, not far from where Joey herself enjoyed watching the birds in her garden. We know it will give our children some lovely opportunities for caring for our wildlife and reflecting on what a special place we share, and on Mrs Shiel's kindness, which has made it possible.

Kind regards

Jacqueline Dalrymple



Crookham Village Hall December Dates

Our winter schedule continues with :-

- Wednesday 4th Keep Fit Class 2pm
TillVAS Meeting 7.30pm
- Thursday 5th Art Group 2pm
- Saturday 7th Soup and a Roll 12pm
- Monday 9th Knit and Natter 2pm
6.30pm CVH Management Committee Meeting
- Wednesday 11th Keep Fit Class 2pm
- Thursday 12th Art Group 2pm
- Saturday 14th Charity Coffee Morning 10am
In aid of The Mothers' Union
6.15pm for 6.30pm start 'Christmas Cracker'
- Wednesday 18th Keep Fit Class 2pm
Book Club 7.30pm
- Thursday 19th Art Group 2pm
- Saturday 21st Coffee Morning 10am
- Monday 23rd Knit and Natter 2pm

**For more information about any event
phone Gemma 01890 820452 or Annette
01890 820607**

Are you in need of wood fuel due to financial constraints, poor health, advanced age or rural isolation?

If so, please contact: Kate Thick
Email. katethick@hotmail.com Tel. 07900963234

A collaborative venture is planning to open wood fuel log banks across Northumberland.

A pilot log bank is currently being established near Wooler under the auspices of the Glendale Gateway Trust. Logs are now being gathered which will be available this winter for people in need in the Wooler area.

The log bank will not be open to the public; seasoned wood will be delivered to people who due to financial constraints, poor health, age or isolation have difficulty obtaining or handling logs. Volunteers, trained or with the appropriate skills, will also stack the logs, and carry out basic checks to ensure fire safety and energy efficiency or if other assistance is required.

We are asking community organisations, village halls and shops, GPs, district nurses, churches of all denominations and parish councils to help us make contact with those who may need assistance with wood fuel. Confidentiality is assured.

We are also distributing particularly good potatoes kindly donated by a farm near Wooler.

The project has the support of Community Action Northumberland and the Northumberland County Council

We are looking for volunteers in the Wooler area, especially those with appropriate skills or anyone interested in undergoing training, who could spare a few hours a week to help collect, prepare and deliver logs. Developing skills and knowledge around safeguarding are also essential.



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Please note that during
January, we will only be open
Monday to Thursday 9am – 3pm



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Black Bull, Etal Quiz Nights.

Fancy giving your memory and your brain a fun workout? Don't forget the monthly pub quiz in The Black Bull, which is held on the second Monday of each month. The next date is the 9th December.

It's £2 per player with up to four players in a team. The team with most points wins a £20 voucher to spend in The Black Bull.

The quizmaster is Eric Musgrave.



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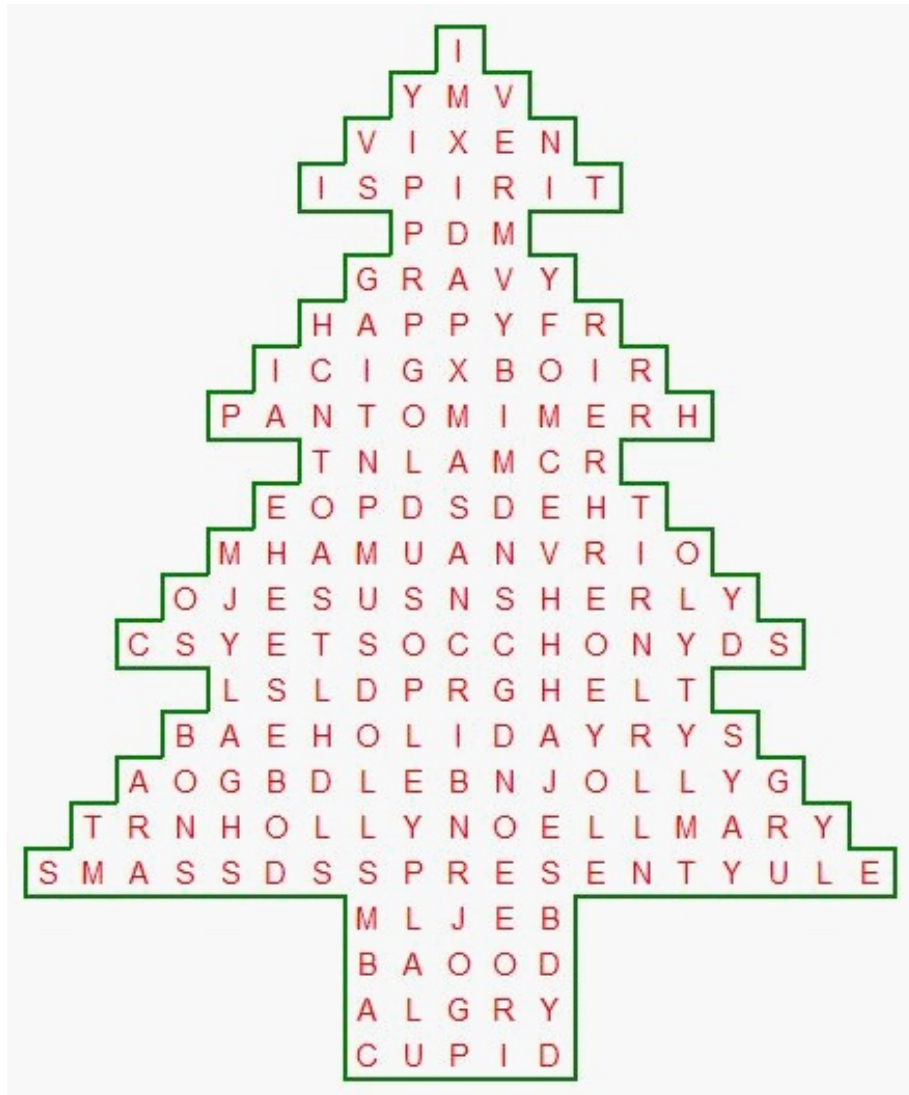
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THE FOURUM CHRISTMAS JUST FOR FUN WORDSEARCH

Find the words in the list that are hidden in the grid by reading in straight lines – horizontally, vertically or diagonally – in either direction. A word has been added to the list that you won't find in the grid. Work out what the word is! Good Luck!



- Advent
- Angels
- Bells
- Card
- Child
- Comet
- Crib
- Cupid
- Dasher
- Dolls
- Donner
- Fir
- Gold
- Gravy
- Ham
- Happy
- Holiday
- Holly
- Holy Inn
- Ivy
- Jesus
- Jolly
- Joy



- Lord
- Magi
- Mary Mass
- Merry
- Myrrh
- Noel
- Pantomime
- Pie
- Pine
- Present
- Punch
- Red
- Roast
- Sled
- Sleigh
- Spirit
- Stable
- Tinsel
- Toast
- Toys
- Vixen
- Xmas
- Yule



A Living Nativity - Norham

Sat 21st December 2019 3pm
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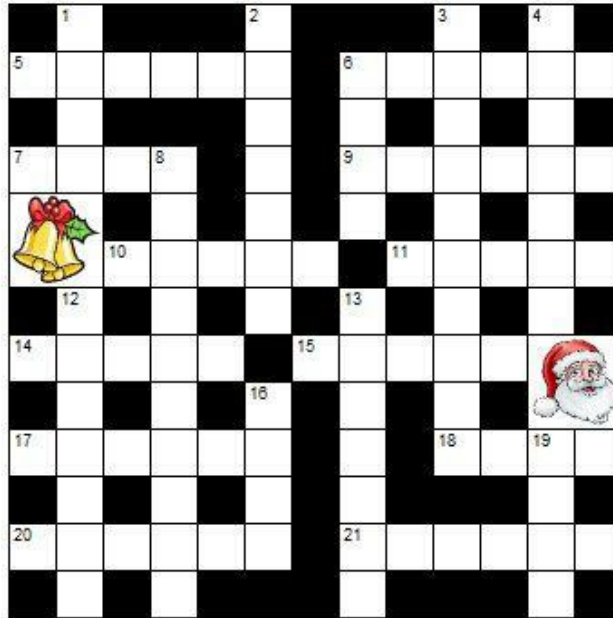
Refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall

Adults and Children are invited to dress up as figures from the nativity.

Merry Christmas from the Fourum

Across

- 5 One of Santa's reindeer (6)
- 6 Fortified wine (6)
- 7 The capital of Peru (4)
- 9 Adjective meaning horse like (6)
- 10 One of Santa's reindeer (5)
- 11 One of Santa's reindeer (5)
- 14 One of Santa's reindeer (5)
- 15 Mixed up Craig leads to a smoke (5)
- 17 One of Santa's reindeer (6)
- 18 What Santa keeps his presents in (4)
- 20 Adverb meaning advanced in years (6)
- 21 One of Santa's reindeer (6)



Down

- 1 The Wise Men (4)
- 2 A type of cooking apple (7)
- 3 French red wine often made using Gamay grapes (10)
- 4 One of Santa's reindeer (7)
- 6 What Santa's reindeer pull (4)
- 8 A person with a liking for something (10)
- 12 Sea mammals of the Sirenia family (7)
- 13 Composer who wrote the Four Seasons (7)
- 16 A brewer's delivery vehicle (4)
- 19 The operators of a ship or yacht (4)



Branxton Church Advent door garland or swag making session

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Cornhill.

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Saturday 7th December -
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Sunday 22nd December
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7.00pm



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Saturday, 25th January 10.30 a.m.

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TillVAS



Wednesday December 4th –
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Wednesday January 8th - Cameron Robertson
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Etal Village Hall

Friday 13th December, 7 – 7.30pm.

“Late Night”



Katherine Newbury (Emma Thompson) is a pioneer and legendary host on the late-night talk-show circuit. When she's accused of being a "woman who hates women," she puts affirmative action on the to-do list, and --presto!--Molly (Mindy Kaling) is hired as the one woman in Katherine's all-male writers' room. But Molly might be too little too late, as the formidable Katherine also faces the reality of low ratings and a network that wants to replace her. Wanting to prove she's not merely a diversity hire who's disrupting the comfort of the brotherhood, Molly is determined to help Katherine revitalize her show and career--and possibly effect even bigger change at the same time.

1 hour 42 minutes, Certificate 15

Friday 10th January, 7 – 7.30pm.

“Boy Erased”



Boy Erased tells the story of Jared (Hedges), the son of a Baptist pastor in a small American town, who is outed to his parents (Kidman and Crowe) at age 19. Jared is faced with an ultimatum: attend a gay conversion therapy program - or be permanently exiled and shunned by his family, friends, and faith. Boy Erased is the true story of one young man's struggle to find himself while being forced to question every aspect of his identity.

1 hour 40 minutes, Certificate 15
Refreshments available



Branxton Films

December 17th at 2.00pm

Irving Berlin's **White Christmas** starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye.

A successful song-and-dance team become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general.

January 21st **Cool Runnings** starring John Candy

When a Jamaican sprinter is disqualified from the Olympic Games, he enlists the help of a dishonored coach to start the first Jamaican Bobsled Team.



Both films will be followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

CHURCH NEWS

The Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ETAL

**Sunday services are Holy Communion
at 10.30 am. unless stated otherwise.**

DECEMBER.

1st - Revd. Ray Simpson.

8th - Revd. Canon Alan Hughes MBE TD.

15th - Revd. Linda Gardham.

22nd The Ven. Peter Robinson.

TUESDAY 24th - 11.30pm CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS -

Revd. John Evans.

WEDNESDAY 25th - 10.30 am CHRISTMAS DAY, CAROL SERVICE

OF THE WORD - Revd. Marion Penfold.

29th. Revd. John Evans.

JANUARY.

5th. Revd. Linda Gardham.

12th. Revd. Alan Hughes. MBE TD.

19th Revd. John Evans

26th Revd. Ray Simpson.

**Local contacts are listed in Etal & Ford church porches and on
the website www.achurchnearlyou**

Secretary : Heather Pentland 01890 820201

Crookham United Reformed Church. & Flodden Peace Centre.

Fridays in December 2019 and January 2020

12 noon There will be prayers linked to world peace and reconciliation linked to the international partners of the Community of the Cross of Nails.

2nd Sundays in January and December 4pm Tea time seasonal informal worship

4th Sundays in the month

22nd December 11am 4th Sunday in Advent -Christmas readings, carols and refreshments

26th January 11am Worship including the sacrament of Holy Communion

Carol singing on Christmas Eve - 4pm around Crookham village in aid of the Red Cross

Coffee morning

Saturday 28th December 10am -12 noon - Crookham

Village Hall coffee morning participants are invited to a Christmas coffee morning in the hall of Crookham United Reformed Church.

All services and activities organised in this church are weather dependent.

Mary Taylor would like to wish all Fourum readers a time of peace and joy and during the Christmas season and best wishes for 2020.

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The Parish Churches of Branxton, Carham, Cornhill

Date 2019	Day	Church	Service	Time
01 December	Advent Sunday	Branxton Cornhill	HC MW	09.30 am 11 am
08 December		Branxton Carham	MW MW	10.30 am 11am
15 December		Branxton Cornhill	HC HC	09.30 am 11.00 am
22 December		Carham Branxton	Carol Service Carol Service	11.00am 4 pm
24 December	Christmas Eve	Cornhill Branxton	Celebration of Carols HC	6.00pm 11.30pm
25 December	Christmas Day	Carham Cornhill	HC HC	9.30am 11.00am
29 December		Joint Service Branxton	MW	11am

Date 2020	Day	Church	Service	Time
05 January		Branxton Cornhill	HC MW	09.30 am 11 am
12 January		Branxton Carham	MW MW	10.30 am 11am
19 January		Branxton Cornhill	HC HC	09.30 am 11.00 am
26 January		Branxton Carham	MW MW	10.30 am 11.00 am

**Contact is John Carr. Tel. 01890 820239
or jbcarr@btinternet.com**

A very warm welcome to Worship at Donaldson's Lodge Methodist Church

**Sunday Worship 11.00 am
December 2019**

1st Dec. Deacon Jackie Wright

8th Dec. Lord Alan Beith

15th Dec Rev Kim Hurst - Holy Communion

22nd Dec Mr Barrie Cash - *Carols for Christmas*

29th Dec - 10.00am - Mr John Smith

Circuit Christmas Celebration

Milfield Methodist Church

Saturday 14th December.

Christmas refreshments served

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Followed by Carols around the Christmas tree

Led by Rev Kim Hurst & the Circuit Choir.

January 2020

Jan 5 Mr G Scott

Jan 12 Rev Ranald Wylie - Covenant Service

Jan 19 Mrs S White

Jan 26 Mr A Black

Ministers: Rev Kim Hurst 01289 306291

Deacon: Jackie Wright 01665 721185

Norham Group Mothers' Union

December

Monday 9th at 2 p.m. - "Christmas Fun" - Ken and Jacqui Budge - Branxton Village Hall.
Everyone welcome to join us.

Saturday 14th 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
Coffee Morning at Crookham Village Hall.
Come along for coffee, cakes, raffle and lots more.

January.

Monday 13th January 2020 at 2pm -
Annual General Meeting - Branxton village hall

St Ninian's Church Wooler

Christmas Service Times

**First Mass of Christmas 24th
December at 7.00pm**

Rev. Fr. David Phillips

01665 574240



I would like to say a "BIG THANK YOU" to all the people who in many ways supported the Crookham Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th November. The Hall was full and in total £ 591.29 was raised for this year's appeal.

LEST WE FORGET.

**Thank you.
John Pentland.**

Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre Purple Poppy Appeal.

A poppy appeal launched a year ago by Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre has been a big success. Last November, marking 100 years since the end of the First World War, the centre launched its Purple Poppy Appeal.

The aim was to raise funds to fill the life-size outline of a horse, depicted on one of the walls inside the centre, with poppies purchased by members of the public.

The Purple Poppy Appeal honours the service of animals in war and provides a lasting legacy for animals in need.

Throughout the year visitors to Hay Farm have given donations to buy purple poppies on which they write a message and pin them to the 'horse'.

The appeal has been so successful that during the summer the horse was completely filled with poppies and a second one was added to the wall, which now only has a small amount of space left.

Vivienne Cockburn and her daughter Anna, who run the business, are honoured to have been invited to visit the Household Cavalry in November where they will hand over the funds raised through the appeal. Anna said: "We are overwhelmed by the support and generosity this appeal has received from our visitors. The purple poppies have raised £1,140"

Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre Special Christmas Opening on 27, 28, 29 & 30 December for families, opening times are 11am - 2pm

Diary dates.

December		
Sunday 1 st	Etal Xmas lights 5pm	EVH
	Garland making 11am	BVH
Monday 2 nd	Xmas taster 5.30pm	Cornh. shop
Wednesday 4 th	Keep Fit Class 2pm	CVH
	TillVas meeting 7.30pm	CVH
Thursday 5 th	Art Group 2pm	CVH
Friday 6 th	Etal Show Xmas quiz 7pm	EVH
	Yuletide Market 5pm	Nor
Saturday 7 th	Soup and Roll 12noon	CVH
	Yuletide Market 10am	Nor
	Cornhill Xmas lunch 12.30pm	CorVH
	Branxton Xmas Fair 10am	BVH
Monday 9 th	Knit and Natter 2pm	CVH
	CVH management meeting 6.30pm	CVH
	Mothers' Union 2pm	BVH
	Black Bull quiz night 7.30pm	BB
Wednesday 11 th	Keep Fit Class 2pm	CVH
Thursday 12 th	Art Group 2pm	CVH
	Charity Bingo 7pm	CorVH
Friday 13 th	Flicks in the Sticks 7pm	EVH
Saturday 14 th	Charity coffee morning in aid of Mothers' Union	CVH
	Christmas Cracker 6.15pm	CVH
	Pop up Bar 7pm	BVH
Tuesday 17 th	Branxton Film 2pm	BVH
Wednesday 18 th	Keep Fit Class 2pm	CVH
	Book Club 7.30pm	CVH
Thursday 19 th	Art Group 2pm	CVH
	CVNNH Carols 6.30pm	DODD
Saturday 21 st	Coffee Morning 10am	CVH
	Living Nativity 3pm	NOR
Sunday 22 nd	Carols and Lessons 3pm	KIRK
	Heavy Horses Xmas Fair 10am	HAY
Monday 23 rd	Knit and Natter 2pm	CVH
Saturday 28 th	Coffee morning 10am	CURC

January		
Thursday 2 nd	Art Group 2pm	CVH
Friday 3 rd	Ceilidh 7pm	BVH
Saturday 4 th	Soup and Roll 12noon	CVH
Wednesday 8 th	Keep Fit Class 2pm	CVH
	TillVAS 7.30pm	CVH
Friday 10 th	Flicks in the Sticks 7pm	EVH
Monday 13 th	Knit and Natter 2pm	CVH
	CVH Management meeting 6.30pm	CVH
	Mothers' Union AGM	BVH
Tuesday 14 th	Parish Council meeting 7pm	EVH
Monday 9 th	Knit and Natter 2pm	CVH
Wednesday 15 th	Keep Fit Class 2pm	CVH
Thursday 16 th	Art Group 2pm	CVH
Saturday 18 th	Coffee Morning 10am	CVH
	Snow Queen 7.30pm	EVH
Tuesday 21 st	Branxton Film 2pm	BVH
Wednesday 22 nd	Keep Fit Class 2pm	CVH
Thursday 23 rd	Art Group 2pm	CVH
Saturday 25 th	Gardening Club AGM	CVH
	Haggis Supper 6.30pm	CVH
Monday 27 th	Knit and Natter 2pm	CVH
Wednesday 29 th	Keep Fit Class 2pm	CVH
	Book Club 7.30pm	CVH
Thursday 30 th	Art Group 2pm	CVH

Date for your Diary in February.

Saturday 8th Feb. 2020. - Music in Etal Village Hall - Hot Club du Nord - Gypsy Jazz at its best!

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